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1. IN DISCUSSION OF SUBJECT CONFERENCE ON JAN. 19, DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL BUTLER SUGGESTED THAT U.S. NOT "OVERACT" TO INDICATIONS OF OPPOSITION TO HOLDING SEPARATE 1978 AEROWARC. AS FAR AS HE KNOWS NOW, OPPOSITION IS LIMITED TO SWEDEN AND TWO MEMBERS OF IFRB, BERRADA AND PERRIN. ACCORDINGLY, BUTLER FEELS THAT A LETTER CAMPAIGN TO ALL OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS WOULD PROBABLY MAGNIFY AN ISSUE THAT IS LIKELY TO BE, IN HIS VIEW, OF MANAGEABLE PROPORTIONS. HOWEVER, BUTLER BELIEVES IT MIGHT BE USEFUL IF U.S. COUNCIL REP CONTACT A FEW KEY SUPPORTERS IN ADVANCE, SUCH AS UK, AUSTRALIA, FRG AND CANADA, TO MAKE SURE THEY AWARE OF THE POSSIBILITY OF A PROBLEM ARISING.

2. REGARDING THE LENGTH OF THE CONFERENCE, WHILE BUTLER TAKES NOTE OF U.S. PREFERENCE FOR FOUR WEEKS, HE CONTINUES TO BELIEVE A THREE WEEK DURATION IS PREFERABLE. HE CALLED ATTENTION TO FACT THAT CURRENT BROADCASTING SATELLITE WARC - WHICH HE STATED WAS HANDLING MUCH
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MORE DIFFICULT AND COMPLEX PROBLEMS - IS MEETING FOR ONLY FIVE WEEKS AND ALSO HE EXPECTED THAT THE ONE-YEAR POSTPONEMENT OF AEROWARC WILL PERMIT MORE WORK TO BE DONE IN ADVANCE. IN ADDITION, A THREE WEEK DURATION WOULD CUT COST OF CONFERENCE BY ALMOST ONE-FOURTH SINCE THE VAST BULK OF EXPENDITURES RELATE TO WAGES, PARTICULARLY FOR TRANSLATORS. AT ANY RATE,

BUTLER NOTED, COSTS FOR THIS CONFERENCE WILL BE LESS THAN ESTIMATED PREVIOUSLY, SINCE THE SECRETARIAT HAS DECIDED TO MAKE GREATER USE OF ITU FACILITIES AND WAS ABLE TO MAKE A DEAL REGARDING PARTIAL RENTAL OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER. HE NOTED THAT PRELIMINARY FIGURES INDICATE ATTENDANCE IN 1978 TO BE ABOUT 75 COUNTRIES WITH 420 DELEGATES AS COMPARED WITH 1977 WARC WITH ALMOST 100 COUNTRIES AND 500 DELEGATES.

3. WHEN MISSION OFFICER MENTIONED STATEMENT IN REFTEL THAT "ICAO HAS NOW CAUGHT UP AND IS EXPECTED TO COMPLETE ITS WORK ON SCHEDULE", BUTLER CAUSTICALLY REMARKED THAT ITU STILL HAS NOT RECEIVED FROM ICAO ITS REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 1976 MEETING WHICH UNION WISHES TO CIRCULATE AS A CONFERENCE DOCUMENT.CATTO

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